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No. 16. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 13th April 1872, No. 171 :—

I HAVE the honour to report that when Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, mentioned to me personally that I was to be transferred to this division, to make room for Colonel Boileau in the 5th Division, I informed that officer that I had heard that there was a project in the Madura District being investigated by special officers totally irrespective of the orders of the Superintending Engineer.

2. Colonel Orr acknowledged that such was the case, and that it had been so arranged for certain special reasons, but that so soon as I assumed charge of the division matters would be set right in this respect by placing the officers of the Perryaur project under my orders, in view to the project being matured under my supervision. No such order, however, was officially passed, and when on my arrival here I found that the scheme was almost completed, I was not inclined to move in the matter, or in any way interfere with the commendations which the special Engineer appointed to this special duty might have earned in the matter.

3. As I now learn that the plans and estimates of the revised project will be laid before Government in the course of a few days, and as Mr. Smith has been transferred* to the 2nd Division as Superintending Engineer, I take the opportunity to request that the Government will be pleased to issue the necessary orders for such further prosecution of the project as may be decided upon being carried out under my supervision, in like manner as in the case of the Streeviguntum Anicut Works in the District of Tinnevelly.

* *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 26th March 1872.

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5. In conclusion I may mention, merely to show the advisability of the arrangement now recommended, that as Lieutenant Greer, R.E., is going away on three months' leave, and Lieutenant Rawson, R.E., has already left for the Kistna District, there will not be, when Mr. Smith starts for Nellore, a single person left in this district who knows anything regarding the revised project, or who can give the necessary information should the Government make any reference on the subject.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1872, No. 1,116.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 171 Superintg Engineer's Office 8 Dn
Madura 13th April 1872

From
Lieut: Colonel R A Roberts RE
Superintg Engineer 8th Dn

To
Colonel G. W. Walker RE
Actg Secretary to Government D P W

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Ricd. J. Roberts Lieut: Col: R.E.

Superintg. Engineer 8 Dn.

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